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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Richard L. Raymond

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All Participants:(1) Richard L. Raymond.(2) Tamthorn Truong.**Status of Application:** _____(3) Craig McRobbie.

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Date of Interview: 3/25/04

Time: _____

Type of Interview:☐ Telephonic☐ Video Conference☒ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☒ Applicant's representative)Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, provide a brief description: _____

Part I.

Rejection(s) discussed: _____

Claims discussed: _____

Prior art documents discussed: _____

Part II.

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:

No response necessary to last office action. It was agreed that interference proceedings are necessary. A letter of suspension will follow.

Part III. *The restriction requirement of record is herein withdrawn.*

- ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.
- ☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.

Richard L. Raymond
RICHARD L. RAYMOND
PRIMARY EXAMINER
(Examiner/Signatures)

Craig McRobbie
(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature - if appropriate)

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SUSPENSION OF ACTION


POSSIBLE INTERFERENCE

All claims are allowable. However, due to a potential interference, *ex parte* prosecution is SUSPENDED FOR A PERIOD OF 6 MONTHS from the date of this letter. Upon expiration of the period of suspension, applicant should make an inquiry as to the status of the application.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tamthom N. Truong whose telephone number is 571-272-0676. The examiner can normally be reached on M-T (~10 am ~ 8:30 pm) starting from February 22nd, 2004.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mukund Shah can be reached at 571-272-0674. If you are unable to reach Dr. Shah within a 24 hour period, please contact James O. Wilson, Acting SPE of 1624, at 571-272-0661.

The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-872-9306. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-1235.


T. Truong

March 25, 2004


RICHARD L. RAYMOND
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